



Executive Summary

Signal Centers is requesting funds from the City of Chattanooga for its existing Adult Services. Adult Services are designed to benefit two groups of Chattanooga citizens who are in need of day services:

- 1) adults with a primary diagnosis of a physical disability
- 2) low-income individuals over the age of sixty

The overall goals for individuals in both groups are:

- Increase or maintain independence
- Reduce feelings of isolation and depression
- Provide learning opportunities to develop, maintain, or increase skills in the areas of employment, socialization, and daily living skills

Through the development and/or maintenance of these skills, unnecessary nursing home placement may be avoided for both the younger and older adults, giving our participants the opportunity to remain in their own homes for as long as possible- and at a significantly lower cost than nursing home care. Most of our current clients would be unable to pay for nursing home care or for daily in-home services. Family members and other caregivers for these individuals can rest assured that Signal Centers is providing a safe, rich environment for their loved ones, allowing the caregivers to maintain daytime jobs or receive respite. The welfare of the participants and their families is our constant focus.

Participation in the program has increased in the last year and there is currently a waiting list. The program increased client fees and consistently applies for grants to support needed services. The Adult Service program was awarded a grant through the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga in June that supports Employment Services. Though the monies are welcomed and needed, other cuts in ancillary funding affects enrollment and the ability to provide essential services. Signal Centers continues to pursue partnerships and collaborations to minimize costs. There have been recurring maintenance issues with the Adult Services building, as well as lack of space, and a committee has been formed to further investigate the need for a new facility.

Signal Centers is requesting \$40,000 from the City of Chattanooga for fiscal year 2013-2014. The City granted \$30,000 to the agency after last year's request. Funding will be used for Adult Day Services.

The Signal Centers agency will provide the City of Chattanooga with a detailed accounting of how and for what purpose municipal funds were spent, prior to the close of the City of Chattanooga's fiscal budget year and at the close of each succeeding fiscal budget year until all municipal funds have been spent. The Signal Centers agency will also provide the City of Chattanooga with copies of current annual audits for each year that it spends funds appropriated to it by the City of Chattanooga.

On behalf of Signal Centers, thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Donna McConnico
Chief Executive Officer